PRESENT—*cont.*

Ramanath Goenka, Mr.
Ramasomayajulu, Mr. C.
Ramaswami Ayyar, Mr. U.
Ranganatha Mudaliyar, Mr. A.
Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar, Rao Bahadur C. S.
Sahajanandam, Swami A. S.
Saldanha, Mr. J. A.
Sami Venkatachalam Chetti, Mr.
Sarabha Reddi, Mr. K.
Satyamurti, Mr. S.
Shetty, Mr. A. B.
Sitarama Reddi, Rao Bahadur K.
Siva Raj, Mr. N.
Siva Rao, Mr. P.
Slater, C.M.G., C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. S. H.
Soundarapandia Nadar, Mr. W. P. A.
Souter, I.C.S., Mr. C. A.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. R.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. T. C.
Srinivasan, Rao Sahib R.
Subrahmanya Moopanar, Mr. S.
Subrahmanya Pillai, Mr. Chavadi K.
Swami, Mr. K. V. R.
Syed Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur, Nattam Dubash Kadir Sahib.
Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Syed.
Tampoe, I.C.S., Mr. A. McG. C.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Tulasiram, Mr. L. K.
Uppi Sahib Bahadur, K.
Vanavudaiya Gounder, Mr. S. V.
Venkatapathi Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Wathen, M.B.E., Mr. F. B.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A.
Wright, Mr. W. O.
Zamindar of Gollapalli.
Zamindar of Kallikota.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.
Zamindar of Seithur.

## I
## NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members made the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown and then took their seats :—

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON.

Khan Bahadur P. KHALIFULLA SAHIB Bahadur.

Mr. C. W. E. COTTON, C.I.E., I.C.S.

Mr. C. A. SOUTER, I.C.S.

Mr. F. B. WATHEN, M.B.E.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

## II
## RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

* The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move

'*That an expression of the sincere regret of this Council at the death of Maharaja Raja Rajasri Bhaskara Sethupathi alias Muthuramalinga Sethupathi Avargal, the Raja of Ramnad, and of sympathy with the members of the bereaved family be placed on record and conveyed to them.*'

" Mr. President, Sir, our late colleague was the representative of one of the most ancient families in South India whose record goes back beyond historical times. The head of the family bears the title of Sethupathi conferred on his ancestors by the kings of Madura in recognition of the help afforded to the pilgrims visiting the shrine of Rameswaram. The late Raja took a prominent part in public life and he was for many years a member of both this and the pre-reform councils. He was also for several years the President of the District Board of Ramnad. He was a lover and generous patron of Tamil literature and music. His loyalty to the Crown was undoubted. During the Great War he subscribed liberally to the various war offices and was the donor of an aeroplane to His Majesty's forces in

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which he himself held an honorary commission as Captain. He was a comparatively young man and we all hoped that he had many useful years before him. Sir, I move the resolution for the acceptance of the House."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Sir, I think it a privilege to have an opportunity of associating myself with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House at the sudden and early death of our friend the late Raja of Ramnad. He belonged to one of the most ancient families of South India. He was a discriminating and yet generous patron of Tamil literature and Fine Arts. His loyalty to the Crown was said to have been undoubted and there is no doubt about it. But his loyalty to his country was equally undoubted. Throughout his comparatively short life he identified himself with all the causes promoting the advancement of the country in several directions and if he had been spared I have no doubt he would have continued to play a much bigger part in the Province than he played. Unlike other members of such distinguished families he belonged to the exception rather than the rule and played a very important and strenuous part in public affairs, especially in the matter of Local Self-Government. As President of the Ramnad District Board he proved himself to be an efficient President and as a member of this Council you know, as well as hon. Members here, that at question time he was not the least active among the members of the House. To many of us who had the privilege of claiming his personal friendship his death is a personal loss. I, therefore, feel that I am voicing the sentiments of every hon. Member of this House when saying that we share the regret and sorrow at the death of this distinguished nobleman of South India. I feel it a great privilege in associating myself with this resolution."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to associate myself with this motion and to me, as Mr. Satyamurti said, it is a great personal loss because I not only claimed the friendship of the Raja from my childhood but even my forefathers were friends of his forefathers. As such I feel his death is a great personal loss to me. Besides that, as Sir Norman Marjoribanks and Mr. Satyamurti have pointed out, the Raja played an important and very big part in the political life of this Province and showed to the public that the seers of the aristocracy were not a bit behind in associating themselves in public movements and that they were interested as much as any other person coming from South India. I therefore feel proud of the achievement of the Raja's career. I regret very much that it was not given to him, as Mr. Satyamurti said, to play a more important part in the public life of this Province."

* Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. President, I beg to associate myself cordially with the observations that have been made by the previous speakers. While I feel that the Raja has been a friend and his death is therefore a personal loss to me, I think I may well say, as the previous speakers have said, that his death is a loss to the country. The Raja took a prominent part in the public life of this country and in his death, so young as he was, we along with the country mourn. I wish to associate myself cordially, with all that has been said by the previous speakers."

The RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Mr. President, Sir, on behalf of the party that I represent I wish to associate myself with the touching observations made by the previous speakers regarding the premature demise of the late

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Raja of Ramnad. The late Raja was one of the distinguished members of the landed aristocracy in India. He was highly diligent and cultured. He distinguished himself as President of the Ramnad District Board. He entered this Council as early as 1916, and ever since he continued to be an active Member. His loss occasioned by his premature death is a thing to be mourned by all."

* Rajkumar S. N. DORAI RAJA :—"Mr. President, Sir, I am very thankful to you more than I could say for the privilege allowed to me to add my humble revered tribute to the memory of the illustrious deceased. I have known him for very long and very intimately, long enough and intimately enough I am sure to appreciate his worth, to admire his fortitude in the face of difficulties, admire his single-minded devotion to the country of his birth and to the order he belonged. He had his own failings. Mr. President, who has not? No man is an angel and unfortunately angels have no place in this wicked world. He never allowed his failings to cloud his intellect or make him swerve an inch from the path of rectitude he cut for himself. One admirable character in him was that he never made himself more than what he was nor did he unduly praise other people's virtues or magnify others' sins. The cruel hand of death has snatched him away from our midst and he has gone the way of all men never to return, but he has left imperishable foot-prints on the sands of time for his betters to approve, for his equals to appreciate and for lesser men to admire, cherish and emulate."

11-15 a.m. Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR :—"Mr. President, on behalf of the Indian Christian community, I wish to pay my humble tribute to the memory of the late Raja of Ramnad. He was a most worthy representative of the landed aristocracy in this House, and he was looked up to by all the Marava Chieftains and Marava people in the south of India as their natural leader, by the members of my community, the Udayars, who are thirty thousand strong in the Ramnad district, as a kind and sympathetic landlord, and by all Tamilians as a great patron of Tamil literature and arts. He was as zealous as other members of his family in playing the role of a patron of Tamil literature It was in the fitness of things that he was chosen as the President of the Tamil University Committee. To those of us who had the privilege of working in that Committee, it must have come as a surprise on very many occasions that he should have such a thorough command of Tamil literature, such a deep familiarity with the life history of the Tamil saints who shed lustre on the literature and arts in Tamilagam. His loss, Sir, is certainly bemoaned by all the Tamilians of Southern India who had come in contact with him who had learnt to love him and who had experience of his sympathy and kindness. It is true he was the most prominent member of the landed aristocracy in South India, but, at the same time, it must be said he was a democrat in temperament, in character and in all his actions. He moved freely with all classes of people, and he took a prominent part in all public activities. As President of the District Board of Ramnad, he did his very best to promote the welfare of the people of that district. Therefore, Sir, I deem it my duty to associate myself with the sentiments given expression to by the other Members of this House, and to pay my humble tribute to his memory."

* Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—"On behalf of the representatives of the depressed classes in this House, I would like to associate myself with the

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feelings of sympathy which were expressed by the previous speakers on the sad demise of the late Raja of Ramnad. Though he was born in an aristocratic family, yet he had a deep feeling of sympathy towards the poorer classes, especially the depressed classes. I had opportunities of moving with the late Raja of Ramnad, and I always found him really sympathetic towards our people, and he gave me very good counsel at times when I had occasions of discussing with him certain matters. So, I support this resolution and trust the same will be accepted by this House unanimously."

* Khan Bahadur P. KHALIF-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to associate myself with what has fallen from the mouths of the previous speakers regarding the late Raja of Ramnad. Representing as I do a large portion of the Muslims of the Tamil districts in this Presidency, I think I shall be failing in my duty if I do not say a few words regarding the feeling that obtains in my community regarding the deceased.

" One important matter about which he took a good deal of interest is the improvement of Tamil literature. On this, I may say, he was as a matter of fact the founder of the Tamil Sangam of Madura which is doing such a great deal of good for the improvement and progress of Tamil literature in this country. But for him, I am sure the Tamil Sangam would not have come into existence at all. If it is not for all his other qualities of head and heart to which my other friends have referred, if it is not for all his other activities, but at least for this matter the public of this Presidency and in fact all that are interested in Tamil literature owe the deceased a deep debt of gratitude for the great work that he had done. With this particular reference, I beg to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers on this occasion."

Mr. C. R. T. CONGREVE :—" On behalf of the European community, I should like to associate myself with this resolution on the sad death of the Raja of Ramnad. He was a Member of this House with me for the last four or five years, and I regret the great loss sustained by this House by his death."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

III

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## STARRED QUESTIONS

### Court of Wards

*Increase of forest rates in Pedda Kimedi zamindari in Ganjam district.*

* 1 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether forest rates have been increased by the Court of Wards for different kinds of wood removed from the jungles of the Pedda Kimedi (Bodo Kimedi) zamindari in Ganjam district ;

(b) whether the Government made any preliminary investigation into the matter of existing rates before sanctioning the increased rates ;

(c) the grounds on which the increase of rates, if any, is based ;

(d) whether the increased rates apply to wood taken by ryots of the zamindari for agricultural implements and for their bona fide domestic use ;